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Subject: Hardware/Software Problems

Reference: Your letter of February 2, 1981 to
Mr. Pat Harrington.

Dear Mr. O'Rear:

It is my understanding that the problem items identified in your letter have been corrected. Please keep me up to date on any other areas of concern.

Thanks for expressing your concern and commitment to meet the March schedule. As discussed in the February 10, 1981 telephone conversation, IBM will support that commitment by assuming full responsibility for developing the test suites for 86-DOS and the BASIC-86 extensions given the required documentation. To further support that commitment, IBM has asked Microsoft to recommend on alternate delivery date for the BASIC-86 extensions to allow Microsoft to concerntrate its efforts on the March deliverables.

Your expressed concern about the performance of the prototype machine is appreciated. IBM Engineering has indicated to me that the performance of the final product will be consistent with the 8088 architecture.

Very truly yours,

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Manager

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